

**CHAPTER NO. 804**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 841**

**By Representatives Ferguson, Armstrong, Lois DeBerry, Overbey, Russell Johnson, Shepard, Bowers, Winningham, John DeBerry, Pruitt, Favors, Marrero, Larry Turner, Rowe, Sontany**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1718**

**By Senators Person, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 29; Title 39; Title 40; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the abuse of certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-121, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (e) thereto:

(e) All offices of physicians licensed pursuant to title 63, chapter 6 or 9, all health care facilities licensed pursuant to title 68, chapter 11, all community centers and all pharmacies shall post on a sign no smaller than eight and one-half inches (8 ½") in width and eleven inches (11") in height in the main public entrance a statement that any person, regardless of age, who may be the victim of domestic violence may call the nationwide domestic violence hotline, with that number printed in boldface type, for immediate assistance.

SECTION 2. The departments of health and commerce and insurance, through the various regulatory and licensure boards with oversight of health care providers, shall include a statement notifying providers of the requirements of this act in the newsletters or other routine correspondences of such boards and shall post a copy of such statement on the departments' websites. The statement shall include a contact telephone number for providers to request that a copy of the statement be mailed to them. Upon initial licensure, the various boards shall also provide initial licensees with the statement along with instructions for compliance with this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2006

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2006

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR